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In the military schools of Bulgaria, cadets are admitted only after they are approved by the Fatherland Front. The same ruling applies to officer-instructors and civilian lecturers who deal with technical subjects. Epuration has been carried out among the cadets who were in training.

2. Military schools:

A. Military Academy at Sofia. The Academy is for all arms. The equivalent of a high school education is required for admission. Selection for the various arms and services is in effect after the first year. The entire course last three years after which cadets are graduated as second lieutenants and assigned to regiments.

B. Application Schools at Tirnovo and Sofia. The infantry is trained at Tirnovo and the artillery and engineers at Sofia. Officers from various regiments are given command courses es company, battalion and group commander. The course lasts about six months but it now appears to have been reduced to two or three months.

C. Staff College at Sofia.

The course of instruction lasts for two years and includes orientation in the supply branches. The number of students is usually about thirty and is open to those with the rank of captain or higher.

D. Reserve Officers School at Softa.

The course lasts six months. It is open to cadets with no educational qualifications who have completed half of their service with a field regiment. They are returned to their regiments as non commissioned officers and promoted to second lieutenant rank after a certain period of time.

E. Technical Officers School at Gorna, Bax ja, and Sofia. The course deals with such subjects as road building, railways, and defense works. Officers are admitted to the "Trudovatei" School only after they have been graduated from one of the recognized military schools.

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